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SUBJECT: MTN: PRELIMINARY INPUT FOR UPCOMING INFORMAL
- MEETING ON STANDARDS

REF: (A) GENEVA 03922; (B) GENEVA 04413

1. IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING INFORMAL MEETING ON
STANDARDS (WEEK OF 17 APRIL) U.S. MTN DEL DISCUSSED
PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS (PARA 9 OF REF (A)) WITH STANDARDS
SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS. ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT,
WILLIAMS HAS FOLLOWED PROGRESS IN THE RECENT GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT (GP) SUBGROUP MEETING (REF (B)) WHICH WAS
BASED ON AN OUTLINE DEVELOPED IN THE STANDARDS SUBGROUP.
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IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE WORK ON THIS TOPIC, WILLIAMS INTENDS
TO CIRCULATE GP SUBGROUP RESULTS ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT
TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCHEDULED INFORMAL STANDARDS
MEETING. THIS DOCUMENT COULD SERVE AS A POINT OF DEPART-
URE FOR THE SUBGROUP'S WORK ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. THE
NORDIC DEL (STALBERG) CONSIDERS THIS THE BEST APPROACH
TO EXPEDITE PROGRESS, BUT HAD NOT YET EXAMINED THE GP

TEXT IN DETAIL TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY ADJUSTMENTS ARE NEEDED FOR STANDARDS CODE. U.S. MTN DEL ALSO FAVORS BASING FUTURE STANDARDS CODE DISCUSSION ON GP TEXT TO EXPEDITE WORK AS WELL AS REINFORCE OUR POSITION FOR A GENERAL APPROACH TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ISSUES IN THE MTN.

2. ALTHOUGH WILLIAMS WAS UNAWARE OF ACTIVITIES ON THE OTHER TOPICS, HE INDICATED THAT THE NORDICS PLAN TO HOLD INFORMAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SWISS AND INTERESTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO TRY TO DEVELOP A COMMON DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSING PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT. STALBERG THOUGHT THAT A COMMON TEXT MIGHT ONLY BE A SYNOPSIS TABLE OF PROPOSALS, BUT IDEALLY, THE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PROPOSALS. IN THE EVENT THERE IS WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE THE LATTER COURSE, THE NORDICS WOULD HOPE TO ARRANGE AN INFORMAL PLURILATERAL MEETING.

3. ON THE CODE'S CERTIFICATION PROVISIONS, THE NORDICS HAVE SCHEDULED AN INTERNAL REVIEW OF SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 15 OF THE CODE FOR THE WEEK OF 10 APRIL. ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD PREFER NOT TO TABLE A COMPREHENSIVE REDRAFT OF THESE SECTIONS, THEIR INITIAL REVIEW HAS RAISED SEVERAL PROBLEMS WITH THE DRAFT TEXT. IF THEY CONCLUDE THAT A PROPOSAL COVERING THE SECTIONS WOULD BE DESIRABLE, THEY WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES INFORMALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH OTHER DELS. STALBERG DID NOT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE REVISIONS BY 17 APRIL.

4. U.S. MTN DEL WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH OTHER KEY DELS ON THESE TOPICS WHEN THEY RETURN FROM EASTER HOLIDAY.

5. DRAFTED BY WALLAR. MCDONALD

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